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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANIC
STATUTES OF PAIGH AND ON THE PROPOSED NAME CHANGE
OF THE PAIGH

1. THE US POSITION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IS BASICALLY
THE SAME AS THE COMMENTS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY ANDREGG
AND DIERCKS WITH WILSON AND STEWART ARA/USOAS.

2. THE US IS OPPOSED TO AMENDING THE CURRENT PAIGH ORGANIC
STATUTES. THE US FEELS THAT THE CHANGE IS UNNECESSARY
FROM A SUBSTANTIVE POINT OF VIEW AND WILL IN NO WAY
IMPROVE OR FACILITATE PAIGH'S FUNCTIONING.

3. HOWEVER, IF AMENDMENTS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED, THE
FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE PROPOSED:
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4. ARTICLE 7 - WE BELIEVE THE QUORUM FOR INSTALLATION OF
MEETINGS SHOULD REMAIN AT TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBER STATES.

5. ARTICLE 8 - NON-AMERICAN STATES SHOULD BE LISTED AS
OBSERVERS, NOT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

6. ARTICLE 10 - WE BELIEVE THE PRESENT DIRECTING COUNCIL SHOULD CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE AND BE LISTED IN ARTICLE 10; AND THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLIES SHOULD BE HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS, AS AT PRESENT, WITH CONCURRENT CONSULTATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS. IF THE CONCEPT OF THE PROPOSED DRAFT, WHICH IN EFFECT ELIMINATES THE PRESENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WERE ADOPTED, HOWEVER, THEN THE REMAINING SUPREME BODY SHOULD MORE PROPERLY BE DESIGNATED THE DIRECTING COUNCIL, NOT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7. ARTICLE 11 I - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (DIRECTING COUNCIL) SHOULD NOT ELECT BUT ONLY CONFIRM THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSIONS, WHO SHOULD BE ELECTED AT CONSULTATIONS OF THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS.

8. ARTICLE 11 J - THE REQUIREMENT FOR A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO REPLACE OFFICERS IS INCONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE 11 I WHICH REQUIRES ONLY A MAJORITY VOTE TO ELECT THEM ORIGINALLY.

9. ARTICLE 12, 13 - SEE PREVIOUS COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY VERSUS DIRECTING COUNCIL. THE BODY THESE TWO ARTICLES REFER TO SHOULD MORE PROPERLY BE DESIGNATED DIRECTING COUNCIL.

10. ARTICLE 14 - WE BELIEVE THE OFFICE OF SECOND VICE
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PRESIDENT SHOULD BE RETAINED IN ORDER TO HAVE THAT MUCH BROADER A REPRESENTATION IN MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITIES. THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE ELECTED FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS AS AT PRESENT. TWO YEARS IS TOO SHORT A TIME TO CARRY OUT A NEW PRESIDENTIAL PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS.

11. ARTICLE 18 - AS STATED BEFORE, THE OFFICERS OF COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE ELECTED BY THE COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES, NOT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR DIRECTING COUNCIL.

12. ARTICLE L 19 (ALSO ARTICLE 24) - THE LAST CLAUSE

SHOULD BE DELETED. MEETINGS OF CONSULTATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH QUADRENNIAL GA AS AT PRESENT. ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN ALL DISCIPLINES OF THE INSTITUTE BE BROUGHT TOGETHER AT LEAST EVERY FOUR YEARS.

13. ARTICLE 28 - WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A REQUIREMENT FOR ONE OFFICER OF EACH NATIONAL SECTION TO

BE A MEMBER OF HIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN MINISTRY. THIS

SHOULD BE A NATIONAL DECISION IN EACH CASE. ALSO, THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL. (SEE COMMENTS ON ARTICLE 10) .

14. ARTICLE 30 (5) - SHOULD READ: QUOTE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THEIR ACTIVITIES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR THE DIRECTING COUNCIL . UNQUOTE.

15. ARTICLE 31 - SHOULD READ: QUOTE IT PERFORMS THE FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO IT IN THESE STATUTES AND CARRIES OUT THE DUTIES ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR THE DIRECTING COUNCIL. UNQUOTE

16. ARTICLE 33 - SHOULD READ QUOTE ... ITCARRIES OUT UNCLASSIFIED

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SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO IT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR THE DIRECTING COUNCIL... UNQUOTE. THE SAME ADDITION SHOULD BE MADE TO ARTICLE 35 (D), (G), (J), (M), AND (N).

17. ARTICLE 39 - LAST SENTENCE SHOULD READ: QUOTE THE QUOTAS SHALL BE COMPUTED ACCORDING TO THE SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS USED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, AS AMENDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT QUOTAS OF ANY NON-OAS COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE PAIGH. UNQUOTE.

18. ARTICLE 41 - THE LAST SENTENCE IS SUBJECT O TO

VARYING INTERPRETATIONS AND SHOULD BE DELETED, OR MADE

SPECIFIC AS TO PRECENTAGES ALLOTTED TO EACH ACTIVITY.

19. THE UNITED STATES IS OPPOSED TO CHANGING THE NAME FROM PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY TO PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOSCIENCES AND HISTORY BECAUSE THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIVE JUSTIFICATION. WE ARE ALSO OPPOSED BECAUSE THE CHANGES WILL CAUSE ENDLESS DIFFICULTIES WITH EXISTING LEGISLATIVE AGREEMENTS INVOLVING EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS THAT IN NO WAY AFFECT THE WORK OF PAIGH. FINALLY THE CHANGE WILL BE CONFUSING.

20. IF THE MAJORITY OF THE OTHER DELEGATIONS FAVOR THE CHANGE, THE US MAY SEEK TO POSTPONE ANY DECISION UNTIL THE XII GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF THE US DEL FEELS THIS POSITION WOULD BE USEFUL. CHRISTOPHER

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